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SUBJ: NEW MINISTER OF LABOR REQUESTS AIFLD CPD REMAIN

1. MINISTER OF LABOR-DESIGNATE ESTELA QUESADA, WHO ASSUMES OFFICE 8 MAY, CALLED ON AMBASSADOR 3 MAY TO REQUEST THAT RECENTLY DEPARTED AIFLD CPD ROBERTO CAZARES BE ALLOWED TO REMAIN IN COSTA RICA. MINISTER-DESIGNATE SAID THAT HER REQUEST REFLECTED VIEW OF PRESIDENT-ELECT CARAZO.

2. REASONS CITED BY MINISTER-DESIGNATE FOR MAKING THIS EXTRA-ORDINARY PROPOSAL RELATE DIRECTLY TO RECENT INROADS AND ADVANCES OF COMMUNIST LABOR CONFEDERATION, ESPECIALLY COMMUNIST VICTORY TEN DAYS AGO IN GAINING CONTROL OF 5,000 MEMBER LIMON RAILROAD WORKERS' FEDERATION. MINISTER ALSO NOTED THAT REQUEST REFLECTS THE PRESSING NEED OF COSTA RICA'S DEMOCRATIC LABOR FORCES TO REGROUP, RETHINK AND REORGANIZE IN THEIR ONGOING FIGHT TO HOLD THEIR OWN AND TO ADVANCE IN FACE OF WELL ORGANIZED AND WELL FINANCED LEFTIST OPPOSITION. MINISTER-DESIGNATE SAID THAT CPD CAZARES' KNOWLEDGE OF LABOR POLITICS, AND PERSONALITIES AND HIS VAST COSTA RICA EXPERIENCE WERE CRUCIAL IN THIS EFFORT. THUS, SHE STATE, THE CONCLUSION OF INCOMING GOVERNMENT IS THAT THIS IS WORST POSSIBLE TIME TO CHANGE AIFLD CPDS.

3. AMBASSADOR RESPONDED THAT WE TOO LAMENTED DEPARTURE OF CPD

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CAZARES, AND NOTED COMPLETELY AUTONOMOUS NATURE OF AIFLD. HE ALSO NOTED THAT EXPERIENCE OF NEWLY ARRIVED CPD HEBERLE DID NOT LIE EXCLUSIVELY IN THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM, AS MINISTER HAD SUGGESTED. DOUBT WAS EXPRESSED THAT AT THIS LATE DATE A TURN-AROUND IN AIFLD'S DECISION TO RE-ASSIGN CAZARES TO BUENOS AIRES MIGHT TAKE PLACE, BUT THAT NEVERTHELESS EMBASSY COMMITTED ITSELF TO TRANSMIT TO WASHINGTON MINISTER'S AND PRESIDENT-ELECT'S REQUEST TO RECONSIDER

CAZARES' TRANSFER.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: DANARTED REQUESTED TO PASS THIS MESSAGE TO  
AIFLD FOR ITS CONSIDERATION.  
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